

## *Monthly Association Meeting*

**DATE/TIME**

**Monday, December 12, 2016  
5:30 to 6:30 Cash Bar & Heavy Hors d'oeuvre's**

**LOCATION**

**Gaetano's Banquet Center & Restaurant  
1617 Banksville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216**

**COST**

**\$10.00**

**RSVP**

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# President : Don Ditter

## President Report for December 2016

By Donald R. Ditter, CPD, GPD

Thanks to everyone that attended last months' meeting. It was great to see some new (and old) faces at the meeting. We had a great discussion on some of the challenges that we incur while working within Allegheny County. Also, a GIANT thank you goes out to Mr. Tom Ruffing for coming to the meeting to represent the ACHD and explain some of the thoughts that they have. I am sure that this month's Holiday Tabletop will produce another great turnout. The meeting this year will again be at Gaetano's Event Center on Banksville Road. So, please come and join us for our annual Holiday celebration.

Jack, Greg and I have got the 2017 Chapter Day Planner book set and are awaiting word from Printers USA that the books are complete. As I have said many times before, If it wasn't for Jack and Greg, our Day Planner wouldn't be possible. Make sure to thank them for their efforts in organizing this publication. Again this year we will have the day planners to distribute at the meeting. So, there again is another reason to attend this month. Come save your chapter some shipping costs and get your day planner at the meeting!

A few quick ASPE notes:

- CPD exam registration opens January 4, 2017. This years Certified in Plumbing Design exam will be held at testing sites around the world on April 6 and 7. To learn how the CPD program can help accelerate your career, go to [aspe.org/CPD](http://aspe.org/CPD).
- ASPE's 2017 Workshop Series starts January 24, 2017. These full-day, hands-on training workshops on Revit MEP will be held across the country from January through March, so go to [aspe.org/workshops](http://aspe.org/workshops) to find out when it will be hosted in a city near you. ASPE will also be offering a Basic Plumbing Design class on January 25, 2017 in Oklahoma City, OK and a two-day Green Plumbing Design (GPD) workshop on February 22-23, 2017 in Baltimore, MD. The first early bird deadline is December 15, 2016, so register soon to get the discounted rate.

Finally, as this holiday season quickly approaches, I hope that you all take some time to sit back, relax and reflect on another year past. We all need to be thankful for what each of us has been blessed with and treasure our experiences. I hope you, your families and friends and have a wonderful holiday season and make sure that I get see you all at the meeting!



# Membership Report: Paul McKee

December, 2016 MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Paul McKee

As of the last membership roster printout received from the Society office dated November 9, 2016, our total number of members is 98.

Our membership total breaks down as follows:

52 Full  
4 Associate  
31 Affiliate  
0 Governmental  
7 Special  
1 Student  
3 Retired

22 members have their P. E., 19 have their CPD, and 5 members have both.

The following members celebrate a birthday in the month of December.  
Please wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY if you see them.

Anthony Ferrella	December 5
Michael Plummer	December 8
Mark Ellis	December 21
Greg Torchia	December 22
John Matthews	December 24

I would like to welcome our newest Associate members Larry Hall from Med Pipe And Robert Meinert from Sherman Engineering.

ATTENTION: Again, I would like to reiterate that we are looking for new members. If there is anyone that you feel should be a member of ASPE, please forward their information to me and I will make sure to get a hold of them and send them a warm invitation.



# VP Technical : Eric Reese

For the month of November, we had an open forum discussion on “What we have Learned Working in Allegheny County” which was co-chaired by our Chapter’s President Don Ditter and Vice President, Legislative Greg Torchia. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in some lively discussion. I’d like to especially thank Tom Ruffing from ACHD for attending and providing some insight and rationale for some of the rules. I hope we weren’t too tough on you!

For this month’s meeting we will be moving our meeting to Gaetano’s Banquet Center & Restaurant on Banksville Road for our annual **Holiday Extravaganza**. Where we will have a **Table Top Exposition** for our local plumbing representatives to take 10 minutes each to present their new and most exciting plumbing products. This is always an enjoyable event, so please consider joining us to celebrate Christmas and the Holiday season with our fellow ASPE members.

The following representatives will be participating this year:

1	Highland Tank - Adam Hemminger	8	Sherman Engineering - Robert Mei
2	Charlotte Pipe - Laura Simon	9	Midwest Spec - Kevin Morrissey
3	Preferred Sales - Joe Starr	10	Cemline - Bill Chappell
4	Pinnacle Sales - Darren Belajac	11	J. B. O'Conner - Casey Devlin
5	V-Systems - Mike Voit	12	WMK Sales - Jeff Smith
6	Musillo Sales - Mark Musillo	13	J. Curtiss & Associates - Jerry Cui
7	Delval - Randy Sranger	14	

Please join me in thanking these vendors for their participation. The table top fees they pay help our chapter pay for this event.

Next month’s meeting will be back at the Roman Bistro in Forest Hills where our speaker will be Mr. Norman Hillard of Moen who will speak on Optimizing Water Efficiency Benefits in Commercial Building.

I hope to see a large turnout on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

For those who may not be able to make it, let me wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Eric Reese, CPD**

2016-2018 Pittsburgh Chapter VP Technical

# VP Education : Tom Taylor

December 2016 Education VP Report by Tom Taylor

Last month we reported on the possibility of our ASPE chapter hosting a Dale Carnegie class for our chapter members. I wanted to let the membership know this is also open to people who are not chapter members. So if other folks in your office – like the tin knockers and sparkies (HVAC and Electrical designers) would like to take advantage of this offer, by all means let them know about it. Up until now the response has been light, so we will just extend the offer to end of January. Some offices set a new budget year for training every January. This may help out with the response. If response is still light then, we will scuttle the idea. See the attached newsletter article.

As a reminder, our chapter will be conducting the Plumbing Merit Badge class for the Boy Scouts again this late Feb and early March. If you would like to help out, contact Jack Getkin for all the details.

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting on Dec 12 – should be another good one!

REMINDER:

2017 ASPE Pittsburgh Golf Outing

June 16, 2017

Riverforest Country Club

# VP Education : Tom Taylor

## Invest in Yourself!



### Dale Carnegie Course: Skills for Success

You've probably heard of the famous book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People". Have you ever considered taking the course to improve these essential skills? Now's your opportunity! We are considering hosting this program for our professional community. Millions of graduates attest to the many positive outcomes that are achieved from this unique experience. It's not school, but rather a professional, positive approach to learning proven strategies that help in life and work.

Among the many benefits of this program, here are a few highlights:

- Learn to be more comfortable when meeting new people in any social or work setting
- Become more confident and clear when communicating new ideas, requests or recommendations
- Reduce stress and develop a more positive daily outlook to improve health and productivity
- Earn the respect of colleagues so project work and collaboration is less aggravating

ASPE is an association that has been successful for our members by raising the bar with knowledge, comradery and vision. Imagine the bar we'd be setting for ourselves with credentials from the world's leading provider of professional development! We're all subject matter experts in our respective roles. Working on our non-technical skills will further elevate our professional standing and success. Given the pressures we face daily, wouldn't you welcome the reduction of stress and the boost of positivity? We all get so set in our ways...maybe there's a better way. As a group, we would have a ton of fun too!

Here's more to go on! We're looking for a group of at least 20 to make this work best.

### Dale Carnegie Course: Skills for Success

8 week format, meeting once a week for 3.5 hours (6-9:30pm)

\$1,800 per person (\$1,440 if group has 25 participants)

Timeframe: TBD based on group input

Location: Allen & Shariff, 700 River Avenue, Pgh 15212

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We have 2 options. We can host a private info session for just ASPE members.

Or

We can individually select and attend an info session that Dale Carnegie offers to the public – see link below.

[http://pittsburgh.dalecarnegie.com/events/dale\\_carnegie\\_course\\_free\\_session/?F\\_c=19](http://pittsburgh.dalecarnegie.com/events/dale_carnegie_course_free_session/?F_c=19)

Email Tom Taylor at [ttaylor@allenshariff.com](mailto:ttaylor@allenshariff.com) with your preference and/or initial questions by Jan. 30, 2017.

# Region 2 Affiliate Report



Region 2 Affiliate Report

The good, the bad, and the ugly; the good, the holidays are upon us and I did not hear any dissension from the article I wrote last month. I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. The bad, during the convention in Phoenix, I lost my bid to become your ASPE VP Affiliate. I am not so sure that is such a bad thing. Let me congratulate my friend Vince Scriboni on retaining his board position. He has already reached out to chapters in an effort to increase members. The ugly, nothing...but it is a catchy phrase.

There are other good things to report on too. I was proud to be the November guest speaker for the ASPE Central Indiana satellite-to-be Ft. Wayne Chapter. I want to personally thank chapter president Gary Borgmann CPD for reaching out to me and to those who attended. It is always an honor to speak to our engineering and distribution communities.

While I am at it, let me report on a few other ASPE black-tie Banquet moments that are close to my heart. The ASPE Research Foundation presented NSF International their Scientific Achievement award.

This award is not presented every two years; only when the RF Board of Directors deems it appropriate. The award reads: For Scientific Achievement.

Yours truly was humbled to receive the Peter E Warshaw Service Award. This award is geared toward the affiliates or other members who believe in what the Society stands for and who are intimately involved with the membership. This award reads: For Dedication, Unflagging Spirit and Outstanding Support and Service Contributions on Behalf of the Society and the Profession. I am proud to bring this award to Region 2.

Moving forward, I am hoping to not only reach out to our Region 2 members on a more regular basis and help to increase our chapter membership but find ways to increase chapter funds.

In December, I will attend the ASPE New York Chapter Holiday Party and hope to bring back new ideas. I may have opportunities to visit the

Washington D.C. and Chicago Chapters in early 2017. Do not forget, the Eastern Michigan Chapter will be hosting our Region 2 Presidents' meeting this year. Big plans are already underway. More information on this weekend in future articles. Best regards,

Let me know what you think:

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# Secretary : Kevin M. Morrissey

Happy December.....welcome to the final newsletter of 2016. Hard to believe we are planning for 2017!

We have 12 tables signed up for our Holiday Extravaganza. Please come out and join us for great networking and some Holiday Fun!

Most important that you RSVP—Even if you have a table—Need an accurate headcount for food. Thanks for your help!

Hope to see you Monday!

Kevin



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# Pittsburgh ASPE Affiliate of the Month December, 2016

## PITTSBURGH ASPE AFFILIATE OF THE MONTH

December, 2016



Adam Hemminger  
Highland Tank & Manufacturing

My name is Adam Hemminger and I am a Sales Specialist for Highland Tank's Grease Interceptor Division. Before joining Highland Tank I received my BS in Business from Indiana University of PA, my Masters in Business from California University of PA, and completed internships with The Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Steelers in corporate sales. I worked at a Non-Profit before joining Highland Tank nearly three and a half years ago. I started as member of the Inside Sales team quoting fuel storage tanks and oil water separators. After working as an estimator for a little over a year, I transitioned into my current role traveling, and working with engineers to specify Highland Tank's grease removal products. Highland Tank's manufacturing capabilities include petroleum and chemical storage tanks, oil water separators, water storage and rainwater harvesting systems, and grease removal products. Our grease removal products cover larges passive exterior units, hydro-mechanical manual units, and our hydro-mechanical automatic grease interceptor. When I am not traveling and making engineering calls for Highland Tank I enjoy golfing, sporting events, and concerts.

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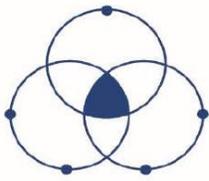
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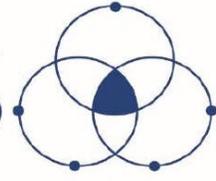


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